

THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART  
ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

MAY 87

Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on May Show artists.

FULL NAME: Thomas W. Ott

PRESENT POSITION OWNER: Visual Expressions  
Sign Company  
Lorain, OH

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 8/4/58 Winber, PA

CATEGORY/PRIMARY MEDIA: Wood & Glass Sculpture

ART TRAINING (Schools, Scholarships, etc.):

4 yrs Advanced Art Lorain High School 1972-1976  
Private Watercolor Classes Fall 1986

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN (include location and year):

Scholastic Art Show - 1976 Elyria, OH  
Lorain County Fair - 1980 Wellington, OH  
Cleveland Autorama - 1983 Cleveland, OH  
Cleveland Autorama - 1984 Cleveland, OH  
Sheffield Lake Art Assoc. Art Show - 1986 Sheffield Lake, OH  
Personal Exhibit (Watercolor) - 1987 Lorain, OH

COLLECTIONS THAT NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

All Private Collections at this time.

AWARDS:

Two Scholastic Gold Key Awards - 1976 Elyria, OH  
1st Place Drawing - 1980 Lorain County Fair, Wellington, OH  
2nd Place Wood Carving - 1980 Lorain County Fair, Wellington, OH  
3rd Place Sculpture - 1983 Autorama, Cleveland, OH  
1st Place Sculpture - 1984 Autorama, Cleveland, OH  
Honorable Mention Watercolor - 1986 Sheffield Lake Art Assoc., Sheffield Lake, OH

We would appreciate having a statement about your philosophy and work as an artist—either general or something specific about the piece(s) selected for this year's May Show to aid us in the preparation of gallery talks and in the release of publicity materials. For more space, use the back of this sheet.

My thought on this years entry is simply to create the broadest appeal for my piece by combining the real with the abstract. I feel the emotion and intensity of the subject matter of this sculpture is best portrayed with this combination. I am attempting to give more easily understood meaning to modern art, a meaning which is commonly missing in most works of this period as perceived by the average observer.